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Editorial Comment

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

The recent remarks of Acting Attorney General Russell ought not to be taken as a cause for alarm. They are timely. As we are frequently told by those whose business it is to study the complex and difficult psychology of business, capital is superstitious and the investor prone to alarm. When this fact is coupled with the further fact that our press is not given to caution and accuracy in statement, but, on the contrary, has a single eye on the possibilities of sensation, it becomes apparent that authoritative cautionary utterances are from time to time advisable.

The acting attorney general has merely assured us of what in common sense we ought to know; that the administration is not running amuck; that it has no more intention of embarking upon a campaign of indiscriminate prosecution and litigation than of blowing up the mint; that action is taken will be taken in all consideration of all its consequences.

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ABDUCTING AN EDITOR.

Luther Brown's disreputable name, hired for the purpose of leading former Supervisor Thomas Lonergan astray, that his testimony in the United Railroads bribery case might be impugned, plunged into vicious slanders, and was exposed in the San Francisco Bulletin of last Wednesday. Luther has a charming wife, to whom he is devoted, hence the Los Angeles lawyer was righteously angry when he found himself exploited as a disloyal to his marriage vows, and it is

not strange that he yearned for vengeance. His methods, however, are open to criticism. Warrants, charging Fremont Older, managing editor of the Bulletin, with criminal libel, were sworn to by Mr. Brown's brother, before Justice of the Peace Summerfield, in Los Angeles, and issued by him, and placed in the hands of local constables and two deputies, to serve. A San Francisco judge, said to be inimical to the Bulletin, authorized their service in San Francisco.

Older was decoyed from his office, served with the warrants, and bundled into an automobile, standing ready for instant use. At Redwood City, he was placed aboard the southbound train, where one of Calhoun's attorneys, Porter Ashe, held possession of a state-room for the captive editor. The abductors traveled as far as Santa Barbara, before Older's friends could intercept him by legal means, on a writ of habeas corpus. Judge Crow admitted him to bail in the sum of \$3,000, which was promptly furnished, and the editor was allowed to return to San Francisco.

Possibly Luther Brown believed that he could not get justice in the northern city, hence his action in attempting to jail the offending editor in Los Angeles, but the whole affair is of too high handed a nature to be condoned. While sympathizing with Mr. Brown, for being charged with the misconduct of a subordinate, he must not forget that the other Brown was engaged in a disreputable piece of business, which the head of the detective bureau had authorized.

It seems to us that Patrick Calhoun has extremely poor advisers conducting his case. If he approves the tactics so far employed, in the effort to offset the damaging testimony of the graft prosecution, he must be in a state of mental collapse, for his methods are anything but dignified, or convincing. This latest piece of buffery cannot fail to prove disastrous to the defense, for, although the head of the United Railroads is only indirectly connected with the tax pass, it is his lawyer, Ashe, his chief of detectives, Luther Brown, and one of his contemptible underlings, J. R. Brown, who figure so largely in the proceedings. They are all on the Calhoun payroll.

THE COPPER INDUSTRY AND A STEADY MARKET.

Paradoxically, the big break in copper and copper stocks is going to tend to steady the market for a long time to come. For the wild scramble of speculators and investors is over, copper mining comes down to a plain business undertaking, without its previous somewhat spectacular features of rapid fortune making, and the production will be restricted and steadied.

Copper mining requires an enormous initial investment. To operate profitably, the work must be done on a tremendous scale. The industry demands not only immense capital, but very capable organizers. Great copper mines and mill managers are no more plentiful than great geniuses in other lines. The man who sits at his desk in a city skyscraper may deceive himself into thinking that he is mining copper; but, after all, the man upon whom the whole structure rests is the practical mine operator. Great ones are rare, and great mistakes are very costly and discouraging.

No great industry can go on at a loss for long. The demand for copper is temporarily reduced, but it will not be for long. Copper is as much a staple in the world's markets as steel, cotton or wheat; the world must have it, and the world must pay the price demanded by the producers. But on their part, the producers will have to come down to a practical working basis, upon which the consumers can meet them. The consumption of steel and cotton and wheat in the world goes down when the price is unreasonable, and the price of copper must do the same.

The profits of copper mining under the very high prices that prevailed for a short time must now, in the light of events, be deemed unreasonable. The price at which the metal can be produced at a fair profit must finally determine the market, and this profit may justly include insurance against the risks inseparable from mining and from any productive industry, but cannot, in the long run, exceed the profits commonly accumulated on other business undertakings.

It will be quite a while before the professional promoter and speculator will again dominate the copper metal and copper stock markets. The dream of great riches, easily acquired, is over now, and many men are wiser by so much. But the mining of copper, the development of mines, the marketing of sound securities as investments, these will go on as before, only with even greater surety than before. The greater security arises from the fact that notwithstanding the warfare between rival copper interests, the general scare that took possession

of the speculative element both rich and poor, and the piling up of a metal reserve larger than the entire annual production of the United States seventeen years ago, yet in the face of all these bearish factors the price has been maintained at a level that would have been considered high four or five years ago—a level higher than the average price for any year of the last twenty-five, with half a dozen exceptions. And copper mining, as a legitimate business industry, has been pretty profitable during most of that period.

WHERE MAN IS TIMID.

When it comes to the wearing of outrageous hats, frappings gowns, tanning wraps, and other gorgeous articles of feminine apparel, woman is as calmly daring as the boldest veteran tiger hunter, armed with the latest improved weapons. She will don the most bizarre costume, always providing it has the approval of fashion's decree, and, serene in the consciousness of being correctly dressed, care not a ha'penny how much of a focus she becomes for curious eyes; in fact, the more attention she attracts, the better pleased she is. O, charming woman, how inscrutable are thy ways!

But man, mere man, is as uneasy as a caged jabberwock, if a conspiracy of attire to which he is unused, draws to him the intent gaze of his fellow sex. He likes nothing better than to be conventional in costume, thus escaping minute inspection, which is so distasteful. For this reason, we are inclined to regard the freak sartorial products of the Merchant Tailors' Protective association, now in session in Chicago, with incredulous protest. Fancy vests, in yellows and bright greens, for professional men, evening coats of dark green, waistcoats of gray silk, plum-colored dinner coats, "walnut-brown" and "London smoke" shades of cloths, are among the innovations promised for timid man this season.

Will he wear them without a murmur? By St. Toulfiedroekh, no! We predict as disastrous a failure for the bright green and the vivid yellow articles as that which overtook the attempt to popularize the purple derby hat, in London, last spring. The first rains that christened the "bowler" caused the purple shade to shed its glossiness, and the tradesmen who had stocked up lost heavily on the novelty. It will be the same way with the bluebottle coats, or greens, or plums. Man will have none of 'em. Black, somber black, is his choice, with a white vest to go with the dinner coat for such Chesterfields of department and sartorial exactness as our own Gustavus Waitecoat Peter.

O, the male biped is a timid lot, when it comes to personal adornment. He might lead a forlorn hope against an impregnable fort, dash into a burning building to save a life, or plunge through the surf to rescue a drowning fellow creature, but wear a bright green waistcoat, a plum-colored Tuxedo, and a blue necktie, never!

PUBLIC RECORDS.

Martin Schube to Nestor A. Young, Sr.—Agreement, concerning operating, etc., of Neptune, Gravity, Black Prince, Maria, Superior, Gladiator, Rex, Iowa, Copper Broom, Copper Broom Fraction mines, Copper Basin district.

Martin Schube to Nestor A. Young, Sr., Trustee—M. Deed. Same property. Nestor A. Young, Sr., Trustee, to Copper Basin Mining company—M. Deed. Same property.

J. J. Bishop locates two water rights near Seligman.

W. L. Fox and J. E. Russell incorporate Thet Brokerage-Investment Company of Arizona. Capital stock, \$50,000.

H. T. Dailey to W. H. Field—Q. C. Deed. One-half interest in Blizard mine, Walker or Prescott district.

W. H. Field to J. Beal—M. Deed. All interest in same mine.

B. H. Grove to John Beal—M. Deed. Benaie, De and Grace mines, Prescott district.

Robt. Brow et al locate Iron Hill mine, Walker district.

E. A. Haggott and C. M. Binford incorporate Arizona and California Development company. Capital stock, \$10,000.

Mason D. Sampson to James H. Newcomb—M. Deed. Clara H. mine, Walker district.

H. F. Fritz locates El Dorado placer, Hassayampa district.

D. J. Holden and L. A. Allsup locate Red Stag mine, Turkey Creek district.

Geo. O. Wager locates two mines and one water right, Agua Fria district.

E. Childers and wife to Thomas N. Childers—M. Deed. New Issue and New Issue Nos. 1, 2, 3 mines, Peck district.

Thomas N. Childers to New Issue Gold Mining and Milling company—M. Deed. Same property.

Wm. E. Fry appropriates 14,000 inches of water of Verde river, one mile above mouth of Oak Creek.

The Social Mirror

A most enjoyable 500 party was given, Friday afternoon, to about twenty of her friends by Mrs. Dixon Fagerberg, at her cozy little home on Mount Vernon avenue. The house was made most attractive by the floral decorations and in the middle of the afternoon very dainty refreshments were served. The guest of honor was Miss Maud Bretherton. After a few hours of 500, the high score prize was awarded to Mrs. C. A. Peter, which was a very handsome Monk picture in sepia. A handsome brass tray was the lone hand prize, and was given to Mrs. Geo. C. Ruffner. A very pretty silver olive fork was received by Mrs. William Nelson for the consolation prize. Mrs. Fagerberg's guests were Mrs. William Nelson, Mrs. C. A. Peter, Mrs. Geo. C. Ruffner, Mrs. R. E. Sloan, Mrs. A. A. Johns, Mrs. D. Levy, Mrs. Nathan Levy, Mrs. Hugo Richards, Mrs. A. W. Edwards, Mrs. J. J. Fisher, Mrs. G. A. Beach, Mrs. O. H. Tucker, Mrs. H. E. Armitage, Mrs. J. J. Hawkins, Mrs. Paul Burks, Mrs. A. W. Robinson, Mrs. W. W. Ross, Mrs. J. B. Tomlinson, Mrs. H. M. Toomas, and Miss Maud Bretherton.

Lieutenant and Mrs. C. F. Herr and Lieutenant Ralph R. Glass were charmingly entertained at dinner, Monday evening, by Major and Mrs. F. W. Foster.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. R. E. Sloan entertained the Whipple Bridge Club very pleasantly at her home on Mount Vernon avenue. The high score for the afternoon was made by Mrs. Sloan. Mrs. Sloan's guests were Mrs. F. W. Foster, Mrs. O. A. Hesla, Mrs. J. J. Hawkins, Mrs. J. J. Fisher, Mrs. E. A. Sturges, Mrs. C. F. Herr and Miss Harriett Jean Oliver.

Mrs. A. W. Edwards held a very enjoyable meeting of the Prescott Bridge Club, Tuesday afternoon, at her home on Gurley street, and entertained the following ladies: Mrs. Morris Goldwater, Mrs. J. C. Herndon, Mrs. T. G. Norris, Mrs. F. L. Wright, Mrs. G. E. Meany, Mrs. Leslie B. Larimer, Mrs. P. P. Hastings, and Miss Theresa Fredericks.

The luncheon that Mrs. R. H. Burmister gave, last Wednesday afternoon, was an unusually happy and pleasant affair. Those who enjoyed the afternoon were Mrs. J. C. Herndon, Mrs. T. G. Norris, and Miss Ida Sharpe, Miss Helen Burmister and Miss Emily Daniels.

Friday evening, Mrs. F. W. Foster was hostess to the Saturday Euchre Club. They all spent a most enjoyable evening playing 500. The high score for the evening was made by Mrs. A. W. Edwards, for the ladies' high score, and Mr. Morris Goldwater made the highest score for the gentlemen. Mrs. Foster's guests were Judge and Mrs. R. E. Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Goldwater, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Edwards, Captain and Mrs. E. A. Sturges, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Aitken, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Richards, Mrs. T. G. Norris, Miss Ida Sharpe and Major C. C. Walcutt, Jr.

Mrs. J. C. Herndon has been spending the past week with Mrs. F. L. Wright, and Saturday Mrs. Herndon goes to Mrs. T. G. Norris' to spend a week, before returning to Los Angeles for the winter.

Thursday evening, the Yavapai Club gave one of their genuinely interesting semi-monthly dances. Among those who enjoyed the evening were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Burmister, Mrs. J. J. Hawkins, and the Misses Lila Hawkins, Alice Adams, Cady, Theresa Fredericks, Laura Bittner, Helen Burmister, Winifred Fredericks, Wood, Helen Edwards, Wilhelmina Gosman, and the Messrs. Robert K. Porter, Fred C. Moore, William McNulty, Edward Lejeune, Barr Douglas, Herbert Shetwell, Roy Hutchings, Frank Pooler, C. A. Peter, Jr., F. M. Williams and Lieutenant Ralph R. Glass.

Mrs. H. J. McClung and her attractive little daughter, Nellie, returned to their home in Phoenix, Saturday morning, after a very pleasant visit in Prescott with Mrs. McClung's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drake.

Mrs. C. C. Walcutt, Jr., has a host of friends in Prescott who will be delighted to know that her health is much improved, and that she is able to be up and around again.

Miss Maud Bretherton of Redding, Cal., arrived in Prescott, Wednesday morning, to make a month's visit with

Mrs. Dixon Fagerberg. Miss Bretherton is very pleasantly remembered here by a great many friends, who are very glad to welcome her back to her old home.

Mrs. W. H. Doyle and her little son returned home, Tuesday morning.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Maus extend to them their heartiest congratulations on the birth of a little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Richardson spent Friday with the latter's sister, Mrs. F. P. Cruice. The Richardsons were en route from San Francisco to their home in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Fennell gave a very attractive dinner, Friday evening, and entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Fagerberg, Miss Maud Bretherton, Mr. Edward Lejeune and Mr. Jack Fennell.

Miss Dorothy Drake accompanied her sister, Mrs. H. J. McClung, to Phoenix, Saturday morning.

Frank L. Wright returned home, Friday evening, from a business trip of several days at Mayer.

Saturday afternoon, Mrs. T. C. Job was hostess to the Friday 500 Club, and entertained the club very pleasantly. Mrs. Salinger made the most slams during the afternoon, and received a very pretty picture as the prize. Mrs. Job's guests were Mrs. H. W. Heap, Mrs. R. E. Sloan, Mrs. J. J. Fisher, Mrs. M. B. Hazeltine, Mrs. P. P. Hastings, Mrs. G. E. Meany, Mrs. C. A. Peter and Mrs. Salinger.

Mrs. Salinger of Los Angeles is visiting in Prescott, the guest of Mrs. M. B. Hazeltine.

Mrs. R. H. Burmister entertained a few friends, Thursday afternoon, very delightfully, at 500. Those enjoying a pleasant afternoon were Mrs. T. G. Norris, Mrs. J. C. Herndon, Miss Ida Sharpe, Mrs. F. L. Wright, Mrs. R. E. Sloan and Mrs. O. A. Hesla.

Monday Club.

The initial meeting of the Monday Club will take place on Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the Yavapai Club. The advisory board is requested to assemble at 2:30 o'clock at the same place.

The program of the day will be under the direction of the Music Section, and it is earnestly hoped that a large number of members will be in attendance.

The officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. F. W. Foster; first vice president, Mrs. J. B. Cleveland; second vice president, Mrs. J. W. Stewart; recording secretary, Mrs. W. D. Baker; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. D. Ross; treasurer, Miss Theresa Fredericks.

The Section chairmen are: Literature, Mrs. W. H. Timmerhoff; music, Mrs. W. M. Neagle; art, Mrs. G. E. Ruffner.

The advisory board consists of all officers of the club and heads of committees.

The committees are as follows: Program—Mrs. W. W. Ross, Mrs. A. W. McCash, Mrs. G. C. Ruffner, chairman.

Finance—Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Mrs. G. A. Beach, Mrs. W. S. Norviel, chairman.

Press—Mrs. C. C. Keeler, Mrs. W. M. Neagle, Mrs. J. W. Milnes, chairman. Revision—Mrs. D. Levy, Mrs. A. W. Robinson, Mrs. T. W. Otis, chairman.

Social—Mrs. Paul Burks, Mrs. H. T. Southworth, Mrs. H. D. Aitken, chairman.

Educational—Mrs. W. D. Baker, Mrs. J. G. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. E. Block, chairman.

Club House—Mrs. T. W. Otis, Miss Sharlot Hall, Mrs. O. A. Hesla, Mrs. G. C. Ruffner, Mrs. H. D. Aitken, chairman.

TO DO ASSESSMENT WORK.

October 15, active work will be commenced on the annual assessment work of the properties of the Walnut Grove Water Storage company, located on the Hassayampa river, below the point where Walnut Grove Creek empties into the Hassayampa river. About \$4,000 will be expended in rebuilding the foundation of the dam which was washed away in the early 90's.

John Hanson, general manager, with C. D. Rynearson, as superintendent, will have charge of the work. Both were busily engaged, yesterday, in arranging to start the work and purchasing supplies. Mr. Rynearson will leave in a few days for the camp.

Be wise, read the Journal-Miner.